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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased Federal commitment to supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. CARTER, and Mrs. CAPPS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased Federal commitment to supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment.

Whereas the annual commemoration of Men's Health Week during the week preceding Father's Day gives new reason to consider the critical need to improve detection and treatment of prostate cancer;

Whereas prostate cancer has reached epidemic proportions and now strikes at least one in six American men, with African-American men having a 60 percent higher incidence rate than Caucasian men and a mortality rate twice as high;

Whereas each year more than 230,000 American men are newly diagnosed with prostate cancer, more than 1,500,000 men have biopsies, and around 30,000 men fall prey to this potential killer;

Whereas it is important for men to take advantage of prostate cancer screening exams in order to detect the disease at the earliest opportunity, when it is still curable;

Whereas a recent study funded by the National Cancer Institute demonstrated that the most common available methods of detecting prostate cancer, the PSA blood test and physical exams, are not foolproof—imaging would be another critical factor in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer;

Whereas the absence of advanced imaging technologies to detect and treat prostate cancer often can result in unnecessary and costly medical procedures that increase psychological and emotional trauma for American men and their families;

Whereas, with imaging tools, millions of dollars could be saved in our public and private health care systems through improved detection and treatment;

Whereas the lack of accurate imaging tools means that biopsies can miss cancer even when multiple samples are taken, and current treatments—either radical surgery or radiation—can leave 50 to 80 percent of men incontinent or impotent or both;

Whereas advanced imaging technologies could be combined with treatment tools to perform image-guided, minimally invasive and precisely targeted interventions, which will be performed in outpatient clinics with minimal discomfort, complications and costs and which will end the fear, pain, suffering and costs that prostate cancer causes men and their families; and

Whereas breakthroughs in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer resulted from the development of advanced imaging technologies led by the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that Congress and the Executive Branch
 3 should recognize the successful use of advanced imaging
 4 technologies in the fight against breast cancer and provide
 5 additional support for the research and development of
 6 technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment
 7 comparable to state-of-the-art mammograms.

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